

MEASURE I

Working for the City of Needles



San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax

Measure I Revenue, The First 10 Years

■ 1990-91:	\$214,935
■ 1991-92:	\$223,076
■ 1992-93:	\$217,378
■ 1993-94:	\$197,923
■ 1994-95:	\$224,767
■ 1995-96:	\$246,086
■ 1996-97:	\$184,762
■ 1997-98:	\$212,196
■ 1998-99:	\$213,884
■ 1999-00:	\$184,604

Total: \$2,119,611

Figures include interest income

“Without Measure I funding, the most important street projects for the City of Needles would not be possible. This is a critical funding source for us.”

-- Billy Bradshaw, Councilmember
Member, SANBAG Board of Directors

Adopted by San Bernardino County voters in 1989, Measure I is a major source of revenue for transportation improvements in the City of Needles. This 20-year half-cent sales tax has provided more than \$2 million for Needles during the first 10 years. Local officials make decisions about the allocation of these funds. In Needles, 65 percent of the funds are designated for regional highways and major streets, 30 percent goes toward local streets and roads and five percent is used to offset Needles Dial-a-Ride expenses for elderly and disabled passengers. Measure I clearly is working for the City of Needles!

City of Needles projects: A decade in review

Of the Measure I funds received each year by Needles, **65 percent** is used for improvements to city streets that function as major arteries in the region. Some of these regional arterial projects have included:

- Reconstruction and paving of Hill area, 1997-1998 (\$530,343)
- Rehabilitation of Broadway Street, 1992-1993, (\$259,313)
- Rehabilitation of Needles Highway, 1991-1995 (\$204,339)
- Improvements to River Road, 1994-1998 (\$93,534)
- Reconstruction of K Street at Needles Highway, 1999 (\$38,785)

Measure I funds used to design improvements on Needles Highway provided for the partnership between the City of Needles, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, San Bernardino and Clark counties and the State of Nevada, which will allow the upcoming rehabilitation and

realignment of this highway. The partnership resulted in a \$7 million investment from Nevada for improvements to this California highway.

Needles spends **30 percent** of its Measure I funds for improvements to local city streets and roads. Selected local projects are:

- Reconstruction of Hill Area Project, 1998 (\$250,789)
- Street striping, maintenance and crack sealant, citywide, 1999-2000 (\$37,455)
- Improvements to Coronado Street, 1993 (\$35,694)
- Purchase of patch truck equipment and lease payment, 1994-1995 (\$32,058)

The remaining **five percent** of Measure I funds are designated for public transit. Needles supports the Needles Dial-a-Ride with funding for operational expenses. This contribution allows elderly and disabled passengers to ride at lower rates. During the past decade, Needles's contributions have totaled \$77,000.



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